



Statement of Welcome & Inclusion

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, level of education, class, and income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that “God alone is Lord of the conscience,” allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we apply our faith in the circumstances of our lives and in the matters of our world.

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

*Childcare is available from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

*The flowers are presented by Andrea Ebeling in honor of this weekend's
marriage of her son and new daughter-in-law, Alec Ebeling and Allie Lewis.*

*Worship begins with the first note of the prelude – may we silence our voices and open our
hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.*

Today's liturgy is from the PCUSA Office of Peacemaking

Prelude

Christ, Thou Art My Night and Day
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Georg Bohm
Finnish/Swedish

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

P: **to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

L: This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

P: **We praise God's name! Amen!**

*Hymn 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba) South African

*Prayer of Approach

From every place on this planet, we turn our face to you, O God. Gather us, all your people, together, to pray. In the midst of the forces which would separate us, bind us in your love as the Church, together. Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered, no matter how we gather, with the truth of your presence. In a world stretching toward wholeness, we celebrate with those whose lives bear the fruit of your Spirit and seek to share in your call to partnership. We celebrate with those whose efforts are making the world new. We celebrate with all who gather to earnestly seek

**Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

your transforming work in the world. Make us a world that grows into the shape of your communion table, where all are welcomed and all are fed. Make us a people who grow your family by practices of mutuality, generosity, and justice. And may we be found to be witnesses, when Jesus returns, to the truth of who we were created to be — people who belong to each other, people who belong to you, O God, in your Son, Jesus. Amen.

*Congregational Response 695 *Change, My Heart, O God*

*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

Children's Message

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

First Scripture Reading (OT, p.502)

Psalm 25:1-10

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Look At The World
The Chancel Choir

John Ritter

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.23)

Matthew 21:23-32

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Finlandia
The Chancel Choir

Sibelius
German Baroque

*Doxology (Tune: “Old Hundredth”)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we bring these our gifts to you as a symbol of our commitment to continue the work you have called us to do in your name — the work of reconciliation and peace and justice in the world and in our community. We offer our resources, confident that you are the God of peace at work in the world. Transform these gifts that your peace may be experienced at all times and in all ways. Transform our hearts and move us to action. We lift up those serving as mission co-workers in the world, radically sharing your vision of peace and justice and your love with the communities in which they live and work. May they be an inspiration to us as we go about the work of peace in our families and community. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Gathering Song 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving/The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the whole communion of saints’ witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread, may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup, may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table, may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

*Hymn 372

O for a World

*Benediction

Postlude

Pastorale
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Francois Couperin
French Baroque

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- **Today is World Communion Sunday.** One way we celebrate is by supporting the PC(USA)'s **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering.** This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our community and throughout the world. Please consider a contribution – if we do a little, it adds up to a lot!
- The Rev. Don Potter will be out of town **through Friday, Oct. 13.** During this time, please contact the office for any visitation or pastoral needs.
- **We need your help!** Please consider sharing some of your time and talents as a Kirk Kids teacher, Church World Service volunteer, fellowship host, worship service welcomer, handbell ringer, or choir member. Please contact the office at (717) 737-0488 for information on signing up.
- The **Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** All women are invited; a \$2 donation is requested. A light luncheon will precede a special program on service dogs presented by Kary Starling of Dandy Dog Training.
- The first of this season's **Noonday Organ Recitals will take place at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Sanctuary.** Daniel Glessner, organist at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Enola, will be joined by flutist Laura Bielen. **A free luncheon precedes the concert at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** A freewill offering will be taken.
- CHPC's **Blessing of the Animals will take place next Sunday, Oct. 8, at 4:30 p.m. in the Peace Garden.**
- We are once again supporting Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties' Holiday Wreath Fundraiser. These fresh, long-lasting 22-inch wreaths are \$35. **Orders are due by Thursday, Oct. 26, and wreaths will be delivered Friday, Nov. 17.** Please sign up in the Gathering Place; make checks to "DVSCP" and turn them into the office or place them in the offering plate. For more info, reach out to Bobbie Kitzmiller.
- **The Harrisburg Area Food Pantry (formerly Ecumenical Food Pantry) is in need of toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant. HAFP also needs empty egg cartons,** as it is getting eggs by the crate and needs to break them down into dozens. Please leave these items, as well as non-perishable food items, in the Donation Station area of the Gathering Place.
- **PW collects new and gently used blankets year-round for the Downtown Daily Bread Emergency Shelter.** Please put your donations in the designated boxes in the Donation Station area of the Gathering Place.

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 2

10 a.m. – Staff Meeting; Pastor's Study

1 p.m. – Quilters and Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

Tuesday, October 3

6 p.m. – West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. – Fall Book Study; Blue Room and via Zoom

Wednesday, October 4

10 a.m. – Fall Book Study; Blue Room and via Zoom

6 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

7 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

Friday, October 6

Preschool Closed

Sunday, October 8

9 a.m. – Exegesis Adult Sunday School Class; Blue Room and via Zoom

9 a.m. – Men's Bible Study; Green Room

9:45 a.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service; Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. – Kirk Kids Class; Little Kirk

11:30 a.m. – Intergen Coordination Meeting; Blue Room

4 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals; Peace Garden

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